

Similar Names

*Names that are not
identical, but are similar*

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Totality of the Circumstances

- o Claudia Alta "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson



Texas Driver License

Lady Bird Johnson
123 Texas Way
Austin, Texas 71234

Date of Birth: 12/22/1912

Precinct 1 – Travis County List of Registered Voters

Claudia Bird Taylor
123 Texas Way
Austin, Texas 71234

Date of Birth: 12/22/1912

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• Use information to assist in determination:

- Address
- Date of Birth
- Photograph

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Determining Similar Names

What does that mean?

1. Slightly Different
2. Customary Variation
3. Initial, Middle Name or Former Name
4. Different Field

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Slightly Different

Poll Book or ID	Poll Book or ID
Dorris Miller	Doris Miller
Nanci Griffith	Nancy Griffith
Harlen Block	Harlon Block
Charlie Pride	Charley Pride
Mark Cuban	Marc Cuban
Jamie Fox	Jamie Foxx

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Slightly Different

oMinor misspellings of names,

e.g. Jan vs. Jane, Julia vs. Julie.

oExtra letters, minor typos.

oCommon different spellings, e.g.

John or Jon, Mark or Marc.

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Customary Variation

Poll Book or ID	Poll Book or ID
David Crockett	Davy Crockett
Sam Houston	Samuel Houston
James Richard Perry	James Rick Perry
William P. Clements, Jr.	Bill Clements
Enrique B. Gonzales	Henry B. Gonzales
Jonathan Paul Manziel	Johnny Paul Manziel
Esperanza Andrade	Hope Andrade

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Customary Variation

oEnglish vs. Spanish vs. French vs. German spellings, e.g. John vs. Jose vs. Jean vs. Johann, Esperanza vs. Hope.


oCommon Abbreviations, e.g. Sam for Samuel, Kim for Kimberly.

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Initial, Middle Name, Former Name

Poll Book or ID	Poll Book or ID
Lyndon Johnson	Lyndon Baines Johnson
William P. Clements, Jr.	Bill Clements
Willie Hugh Nelson	Willie Nelson
Audie Murphy	Audie L. Murphy
J. Roger Williams	Roger Williams
Earl C. Campbell	Earl Campbell
Carole Keeton Rylander	Carole Keeton Strayhorn
Sandra Day	Sandra Day O'Connor
Beyonce Knowles	Beyonce Knowles-Carter

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Initial, Middle Name, Former Name

- o Maiden Names
- o Hyphenated Names
- o Middle Names

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Different Field

Poll Book or ID	
Beyonce Knowles	Beyonce Knowles-Carter
Sandra Day	Sandra Day O'Connor

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Totality of Circumstances

- Buddy Holly vs. Charles Hardin Holley
- Ike Eisenhower vs. Dwight David Eisenhower

**REMEMBER TO COMPARE ALL
INFORMATION**

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Harris County Procedures

- Voter will provide ID, election worker will need to determine if the names in the poll book and the ID are
 - exact,
 - Similar, or
 - too different to accept as similar

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Exact Matches

- Voters with exact matches DO need to sign the poll book.
- Voters with exact matches DO NOT need to initial the similar name affidavit.
- Exact matches mean that the voter's name is exactly the same on both the poll book and the Photo ID.
- If the voter has changed addresses, the voter is still required to fill out a Statement of Residence (SOR).

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- Voter's who have been determined by the election clerk to have a similar name between the photo ID and the name on the Poll Book are required to initial the box for similar name which means that they are agreeing that both of the names represent the voter.
- The voter Must also sign the poll book.
- The voter may also elect to update their name with the Voter Registrar.

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Updating Similar Names

The voter may choose to update their name with the Voter Registrar by:

- Initialing the Update Registration Box which will update to the ID Name listed by their registered Name
- Filling out a Similar Name Update form or a Statement of Residence.


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Too Different to Accept as Similar

- If the election clerk determines that the photo ID and the name on the poll book are too different to accept as similar, the voter may vote provisionally.
- If the voter votes provisionally because the voter could not provide acceptable photo ID, then the voter has six (6) days after the election to provide acceptable photo ID to the Voter Registrar at the Main Office.

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Questions

Contact Stan Stanart,
Harris County Clerk's
Office at 713-755-5792
or www.harrisvotes.com

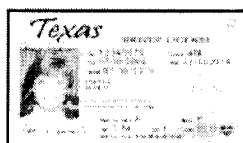
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BRING YOUR PHOTO ID to the polls

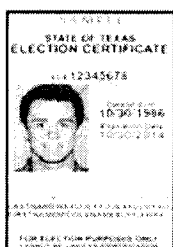
Texas requires voters to present an approved form of photo identification to vote in person. To facilitate the voter qualification process when YOU go to the poll, YOU should:

1. Review the list of approved Photo IDs and make sure YOU have one;
2. Make sure YOUR State Approved Photo ID is current; With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the Photo ID must be unexpired or expired less than 60 days;
3. Verify that the name the Voter Registrar has on file for YOU matches the name on one of the State approved Photo IDs. YOU may visit <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager> to update YOUR 'Voter Name and Address'.

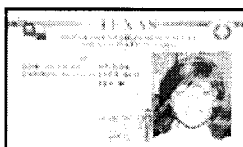
Approved Credentials for Voting in Texas



1. Texas driver license



2. Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC)



3. Texas personal identification card

Voters who currently do not have an approved form of photo ID may apply for an Election

Identification Certificate (EIC) at no charge with the Department of Public Safety. For more information: Call (512) 424-2600

or visit

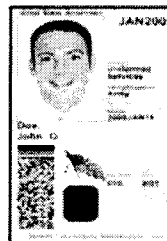
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4. Texas concealed handgun license



5. United States military identification card



6. United States citizenship certificate



7. United States passport



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